

REMARKS

Entry of the foregoing, reexamination and reconsideration of the subject application are respectfully requested in light of the amendments above and the comments which follow.

As correctly noted in the Office Action Summary, claims 9-19, 23-47, 58-62, and 81-88 were pending. By the present response, claims 9, 11-15, 17, 23-27, 30, 32-36, 38-41, 43-45, 58-60, 62, 84, and 87 have been amended, and claims 28-29, 31, 37, 42, 81-82, 85-86, and 88 have been canceled. Thus, upon entry of the present response, claims 9-19, 23-27, 30, 32-36, 38-41, 43-47, and 58-62, 84, and 87 remain pending and await further consideration on the merits.

Support for the foregoing amendments can be found, for example, in at least the following locations in the original disclosure: page 16, lines 3-14; page 17, lines 11-13; Figures 2A-5 and 7A-8D; and the original claims.

Applicants thank Examiner Winakur for the courtesies extended to applicants' representative during telephone conferences conducted on May 21 and 22, 2008. During the telephone conferences, it was agreed that the application could be placed in condition for allowance by the foregoing claim amendments and the Terminal Disclaimer filed concurrently herewith.

The arguments contained in the previous Amendment of February 3, 2009 are incorporated herein by reference.

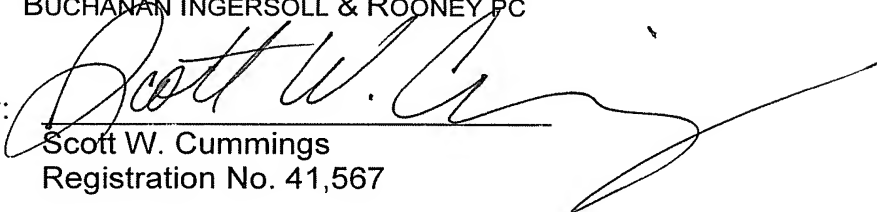
From the foregoing, further and favorable action in the form of a Notice of Allowance is earnestly solicited. Should the Examiner feel that any issues remain, it is requested that the undersigned be contacted so that any such issues may be adequately addressed and prosecution of the instant application expedited.

Respectfully submitted,

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